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FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

# The Fair Oaks District Community Connection

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### Events of Interest:

- Graduations, **June 2-19**
- Child Car Seat Inspection at Target in Fair Lakes, **June 13**
- CAC Cookout at Heliport, **June 30**



## Only Two More Neighborhood Watch Training Dates for 2009!

The Fair Oaks District Police Station has two training dates remaining for the Neighborhood Watch Program in 2009. As usual, they will be held at the station, located at 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, at 7 p. m. in the roll call room. These opportunities are designed for communities that want to expand their existing Neighborhood Watch participation, those who wish to begin a new Watch program or those who would like a refresher course.

We look forward to serving you and maintaining the quality of community and police partnerships that we have both come to depend on and enjoy.

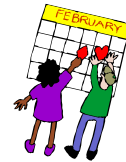
The training dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, July 14
- Tuesday, October 13

### Mark Your Calendars



## NOW!



## Request a Neighborhood Watch Program for Your Community Today!

The requirement is a short and simple one-time, two-hour training commitment. Learn how to detect, react to and report criminal or suspicious behaviors. Know how to better protect yourself and your community.

For more information, contact one of your Crime Prevention Officers at the Fair Oaks District Police Station: MPO Sophia Grinnan at [sophia.grinnan@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:sophia.grinnan@fairfaxcounty.gov) or PFC Wayne Twombly at 703-352-2163.



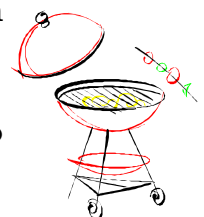
## CAC End-of-the-Year Picnic

The next Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting will be on June 30th at 7 p.m. at the Fairfax County Heliport, 4604 West Ox Road in Fairfax. We will close out this great year with our annual end-of-the-year cookout.



Our next Citizen's Advisory Council meeting after that will reconvene in September on the last Tuesday of every month beginning at 7 p. m. We will still assemble in the roll call room of the Fair Oaks District Police Station located at 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway in Fairfax.

We have enjoyed a spectacular year with you and look forward to another fruitful session this fall.





## FAQ: Does Neighborhood Watch mean I have to drive around my neighborhood?



Neighborhood Watch has changed over the years. You can still patrol your neighborhood in your car but in most cases this is not necessary. Keen observation while you go about your daily routine is the key to keeping your community safe. This, coupled with knowing what to look for and reporting your findings or suspicions IMMEDIATELY to police makes for successful crime prevention. Your Fair Oaks District Crime Prevention Officers will train you on what to look for, how to report it and what to expect from your agency.

Many cases are solved with the assistance of our community's sharp attention to detail. Getting involved these days doesn't mean confronting a criminal. Simply reporting out of the ordinary people, vehicles, noises or events increases police presence in your community.

### Crime Prevention Officers:

**MPO Sophia Grinnan:**

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**PFC Wayne Twombly:**

703-352-2163

**Together, let's give the criminals a message.  
Stay out of our neighborhoods!**



## Provide Us with Your Two Cents' Worth



The Fairfax County Police Department wants to hear from you.

A public survey has been posted on the agency web page in an effort to solicit your ideas and concerns. Officials are seeking greater community input in an effort to provide better service to the diverse population of Fairfax County.

Constructive feedback is vital in helping the agency evaluate and improve our services to the public, according to John Kapinos, Strategic Planner for the Police Department. "To date, more than 70 percent of our respondents have expressed overall satisfaction with our services," said Kapinos, who tabulates the results monthly and plans to evaluate them quarterly. "Our survey offers an opportunity for the public to tell us what they like, what they need and where they feel we can make improvements."

The community satisfaction survey can be found at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov). Select Public Safety and then select police. We look forward to hearing from you!



Fair Oaks District police officers partner with the Target in Fair Lakes to sponsor a Child Car Seat Inspection on June 13th. The event will be held in the Target store parking lot in the Fair Lakes Shopping Center. Drive through any time between 10 a. m. and 1:30 p. m. and officers will ensure your child is in a safe, properly seated car seat. We look forward to the opportunity to keep your family safe!



## Operation Safe June Targets Unsafe Drivers in Fair Oaks!

For the month of June, motorists traveling on roadways in the Fair Oaks District will see an increased presence of law enforcement officers. Operation "Safe June" is an enforcement and education effort aimed at increasing traffic safety and compliance with motor vehicle laws. There will be a heavy focus on impaired driving.

Operation Safe June consists of selected officers from the Fair Oaks Police District forming a roving patrol whose mission will be to identify and arrest drunk drivers. These officers will work varied hours on both weekdays and weekends.



Enhanced enforcement efforts will take place during the week of June 15<sup>th</sup>, just in time for graduation from Fairfax County Public Schools. The goal is to ensure safe and sober celebrations for all.



Motorists stopped for suspicion of driving while intoxicated will undergo a field interview to assure their abilities to drive are not impaired by alcohol or drugs.

The Fairfax County Police Department takes the issues of impaired and aggressive driving very seriously. This effort along with other enforcement initiatives throughout the district, are designed to prevent crashes and make the roadways safer for everyone.



**REPORT DRUNK DRIVING!**  
**CALL 9-1-1!**



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## Receive Police News Releases Daily, Online!



Would you like to receive the latest Fairfax County Police Department news releases and advisories? Sign up for the new FCPD e-mail subscription service at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/news-releases>. All those who live or work in Fairfax County are encouraged to stay informed!



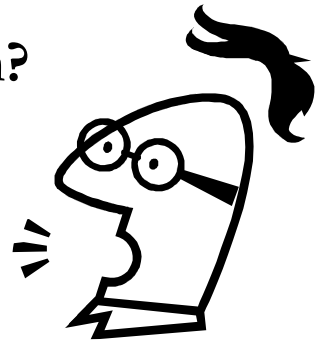
## An Increase in Thefts from Vehicles Yields Yet Another Reminder...



The Fair Oaks District has experienced an **INCREASE** in thefts from vehicles!

How are they breaking in?

- Breaking windows
- Entering through unlocked doors
- Bypassing locking systems



How do you protect your valuables?

**TAKE THEM OUT OF YOUR VEHICLE!**

The reason people steal personal belongings from your car is because they see something they want. Remember, what is not valuable to you may be the object of their desire.



**PLEASE** take the extra time to **physically** remove your CD player, blue tooth, laptop, GPS, CDs, purse, radio, etc. from your vehicle. Remove any empty bags or briefcases to relieve the criminals' curiosities.

Render your car **UNATTRACTIVE!**



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## Dodge a Ticket...Did You Know?



**§ 46.2-932** Playing on highways; use of toy vehicle on highways, persons riding bicycles, electric personal assistive mobility devices, electric power-assisted bicycles, mopeds, etc., not to attach to vehicles; exception.

A. No person shall play on a highway, other than on the sidewalks thereof, within a city or town or on any part of a highway outside the limits of a city or town designated by the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner exclusively for vehicular travel. No person shall use any toy vehicle on the roadway of any highway that (i) has a speed limit greater than 25 miles per hour, (ii) has more than two travel lanes, or (iii) is located outside a residence district as defined in § 46.2-100. The governing bodies of counties, cities, and towns may designate areas on highways under their control where play is permitted and may impose reasonable restrictions on play on such highways. Persons using such devices, except bicycles, electric personal assistive mobility devices, electric power-assisted bicycles, mopeds, and motorcycles, shall keep as near as safely practicable to the far right side or edge of the right traffic lane so that they will be proceeding in the same direction as other traffic.

No person riding on any bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, moped, roller skates, skateboards or other devices on wheels or runners, shall attach the same or himself to any vehicle on a highway.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A of this section, the governing body of Arlington County may by ordinance permit the use of devices on wheels or runners on highways under such county's control, subject to such limitations and conditions as the governing body may deem necessary and reasonable.

**Section 121-1-1** Willful and malicious damage or defacement to public or private buildings, facilities, and personal property; penalties.

Pursuant to **Virginia Code § 15.2-1812.2**, it is unlawful for any person to willfully and maliciously damage or deface any public buildings, facilities, and personal property or any private buildings, facilities, and

**Section 121-1-2** Cleaning or removal of defacement by the owner or by the County.

Pursuant to **Virginia Code § 15.2-908**, if any public building, wall, fence, or other structure or any private building, wall, fence, or other structure has been defaced, and if the defacement on that property is visible from any public right-of-way, then the County Executive or the designee of the County Executive is authorized to give notice to the owner of the property to remove or repair the defacement within 15 days. If the owner does not remove, clean, or cover such defacement after the 15-day notice period, then the designee of the County Executive is hereby authorized to provide for the cleaning, removal, or covering of any such defacement by agents and employees of the County at the expense of the County. (43-08-121.)

**Reference graffiti removal:** Report graffiti located in Fairfax County to the Fairfax County Police Department. An officer will notify the owner of the 15-day removal policy. If not removed, the graffiti will be reported to the Department of Public Works.

**Non-emergency Number: 703-691-2131**

# Lyme Disease

Lyme disease, first identified in 1975 in Lyme, Connecticut, is a bacterial illness transmitted by a tick bite. Although the disease is found more frequently in the North and the upper Midwest, cases have been reported in Virginia since 1982. For the past five years, 77 cases have been reported annually on average, mainly from the eastern and central parts of the state.

Black-legged ticks (*Ixodes scapularis*), also known as deer ticks, are responsible for transmitting Lyme disease to humans in the northeastern and north-central United States. *Ixodes* ticks are much smaller than common dog and cattle ticks. In their larval and nymphal stages, they are no bigger than a pinhead. Ticks feed by inserting their mouths into the skin of a host and slowly take in blood. *Ixodes* ticks are most likely to transmit Lyme disease after feeding for two or more days.



◀ From left to right: The deer tick (*Ixodes scapularis*) adult female, adult male, nymph, and larva on a centimeter scale. Photo courtesy of CDC.

## Symptoms

Within two days to a few weeks after being bitten by an infected tick, 60 percent of people develop a circular or oblong rash, called erythema migrans at the site of the bite. The rash usually increases to two to three inches in diameter and sometimes to as large as 20 inches. As it enlarges, the center clears giving it a "bull's-eye" appearance. Sometimes multiple rashes occur. Because it does not itch or hurt, the "bull's-eye" may be hard to detect. It is visually more pronounced after a warm bath.

In addition to, or instead of the oblong rash, a feeling of tiredness, headache, fever, stiff neck, muscle aches, joint pain and swollen lymph nodes can occur. If left untreated, Lyme disease can cause chronic arthritis or heart and nervous system complications in a small percentage of infected people several weeks to several months after exposure.

Because the deer tick is so small in its nymph stage, many people are not aware of its bite. If you have been in an area that may contain ticks and experience any of these symptoms, contact your doctor. State that you may have been bitten by a tick. This is extremely important because the diagnosis of Lyme disease is usually based on symptoms and history of tick exposure. The available blood tests are often negative. On the other hand, recent studies have shown that many people who think they may have the late stages of Lyme disease, actually suffer from other maladies and have blood tests that are falsely positive.

## The Risk

Individuals who live or work in residential areas surrounded by tick-infested woods or overgrown brush are at risk of getting Lyme disease. People who work or play in their yard, participate in recreational activities away from home such as hiking, camping, fishing and hunting, or engage in outdoor occupations, such as landscaping, brush clearing, forestry, and wildlife and parks management in endemic areas may also be at risk of getting Lyme disease.

## Treatment

The transmission of the bacteria that causes Lyme disease from an infected tick is unlikely to occur before 36 hours of tick attachment. For this reason, daily checks for ticks and promptly removing any attached tick that you find will help prevent infection. Individuals who are bitten by a deer tick should remove the tick promptly, and may wish to consult with their health care provider. Persons should promptly seek medical attention if they develop any signs and symptoms of early Lyme disease. When detected early, Lyme disease can be mild and easily treated with oral antibiotics such as tetracycline or penicillin. Even in the late stages, Lyme disease usually can be treated successfully with antibiotics, but the treatment lasts longer and is more involved.

**Reference:** <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/westnile/wnvlyme.htm>



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**703-352-2163**

**Fairfax County Crime Solvers:**  
**1-866-411-TIPS or 703-691-8888**

**Fairfax County Police:**  
**Non-Emergency: 703-691-2131**

**Citizen Reporting System:**  
 (for reports not requiring officer response)  
 Call the non-emergency number at  
 703-691-2131 or report online at  
[www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov) to public safety,  
 police department.



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## Thank You Girl Scouts of America!

Words can't express the gratitude and special place in our hearts for the **Girl Scouts of America TROOP 786** from Annandale, for their overly generous contributions to the Fairfax County Police, Fair Oaks District canteen.



Often, officers spend countless hours on the scenes of situations such as barricades, searches for missing persons, evacuations, and more. These cases may vary in time from an hour to over 15 hours. Many officers don't get to eat or drink during these incidents because of the unpredictable timing of these emergencies. It's at these times we utilize our canteen.

On a blistering hot day here comes our truck full of cold water, perhaps juice, and ah yes, thanks to **TROOP 786** we now have SIX CASES of girl scout cookies to enjoy as a quick and palatable fix until we can get a meal in. That's right, Do-si-dos, Trefoils, Tag-alongs, Chocolate chip cookies, and more. We have all grown up with these snacks so when an officer is hungry and food isn't happening for quite some time, it's like enjoying a little piece of childhood during often unruly situations.

A special thanks to Girl Scout Cookie Mom, Suzanne Paletti, who spear-headed the efforts of her troop. We have already used some of the cookies during a nighttime event and needless to say, the officers were surprised that they got Girl Scout cookies and were very appreciative.

Again, thank you and always, stay safe.



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